



JFM

Docket No.: 00269-00011
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Roger Olds et al.

Application No.: 10/699723

Confirmation No.: 3537

Filed: November 3, 2002

Art Unit: 2875

For: VEHICLE ILLUMINATION SYSTEM

Examiner: I. Negron

RESPONSE

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present application has been carefully studied in view of the outstanding Office Action dated September 7, 2005, and reconsideration of that Action is requested in view of the following comments.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement between the subject matter of claims 1-3 and the subject matter of claims 4-20. All of the subject matter is properly classified in class 315, and it should be examined in a single application since similar issues must be addressed in determining patentability. Moreover, the fields of search are overlapping and a single prosecution history should be developed. Discretion is allowable in matters of restriction, and it is respectfully requested that such discretion be exercised by withdrawing the restriction requirement. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. However, in response to the requirement, applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group II drawn to a speed-controlled vehicle illumination device. Claims 4-20 are readable on the elected invention.

Action is now believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Richard M. Beck

Registration No.: 22,580

CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP

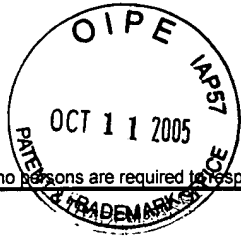
1007 North Orange Street

P.O. Box 2207

Wilmington, Delaware 19899

302-658-9141

Attorney for Applicant



PTO/SB/92 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Application No. (if known):

Attorney Docket No.:

Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on October 5, 2005
Date

Signature

Amy L. Hamm

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Registration Number, if applicable

(302) 658-9141
Telephone Number

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Response
Return Postcard